

red Jeep was one we had for a long time. She said, How come you don't have that insured? I said, What could happen to a red Jeep in the middle of the country in Oklahoma? Well, a tornado came along, picked up a tree and dropped it right on top of my red Jeep. It cut it in half. So they are totally unpredictable.

I can tell more stories about Moore, OK, when we had our 1999 tornado where everything was devastated on one side of the street and nothing was touched on the other side of the street.

It is an art to understanding where these are coming from. We now have developed that art. There is not a person who could be in the path of a tornado who doesn't have the facilities and the resources to see what is out there and where it is coming. What they don't have is a way, if it is unavoidable, to protect themselves if it hits them. The obvious answer is a storm shelter.

I appreciate the Senator from Missouri, who is going to speak next, cosponsoring this bill. We would like to have more cosponsors. We have every intention of getting this passed.

With that, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER pro tempore. The Senator from Missouri.

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. President, I am pleased to cosponsor the bill with Senator INHOFE. Between he and I, we may have been to the scenes of more tornadoes than almost anybody else in America who is not a storm chaser. Because of where we live and what we have done, we have had a chance to see the aftermath of many tornadoes. Unlike the floods we have dealt with in our State this year and the hurricanes we have dealt with in other States recently, the tornado is there and you don't get much warning, and that storm shelter needs to be close if you want a chance to get into it. The bill he has drafted and I am proud to cosponsor with him provides an opportunity to get that storm shelter nearby.

#### SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

##### SENATE RESOLUTION 272—DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 1, 2011, AS “NATIONAL JOBS DAY”

Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. DURBIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 272

Whereas people in the United States want to work and contribute to the national economy;

Whereas the national unemployment rate in the United States remains stubbornly above 9 percent;

Whereas the Office of Management and Budget Fiscal Year 2012 Mid-Session Review of the Budget projects that the unemployment rate may stay above 8.3 percent in 2012;

Whereas almost half of unemployed people in the United States have been out of work

for 6 months or more and more than 25,000,000 people in the United States are not able to find a full-time job;

Whereas throughout the history of the United States, in times of crisis, the private sector has come together and helped lead the United States forward;

Whereas the private sector can lead the economic recovery by hiring workers from the United States;

Whereas small and large businesses have the power to fuel growth and help bring the United States back to normal levels of employment;

Whereas uhireU.S. is a national initiative to rally the business community in the United States to come together in its own best interest to hire 1,000,000 workers by the end of 2011;

Whereas employing 1,000,000 more people will increase the demand for the goods and services that businesses need to sell, and increase positive sentiment toward businesses;

Whereas uhireU.S. is supported by many non-governmental organizations; and

Whereas it is important to designate a day for everyone throughout the United States to focus on overcoming the human and economic costs of high unemployment: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates November 1, 2011, as “National Jobs Day”;

(2) encourages businesses, starting on November 1, 2011, to pledge to add not less than 1 unemployed worker for each 100 employees; and

(3) supports the goal of the uhireU.S. initiative to put new life into the economy by promoting a wave of business ingenuity that puts 1,000,000 individuals who are jobless back at work by the end of 2011.

##### SENATE RESOLUTION 273—CONGRATULATING THE NUNAKA VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE JUNIOR GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM ON THEIR PERFORMANCE IN THE JUNIOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL WORLD SERIES

Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 273

Whereas the Nunaka Valley Little League junior girls softball team is comprised of young women from Anchorage, Alaska who play softball;

Whereas the Nunaka Valley Little League junior girls softball team compiled an impressive record in the 2011 regular season, outscoring opponents 428 to 83;

Whereas the Nunaka Valley Little League junior girls softball team was undefeated in the district and State tournaments on the way to winning the Alaska State Championship;

Whereas the Nunaka Valley Little League junior girls softball team was undefeated in 4 games and won the West Regional Tournament held in Marana, Arizona;

Whereas in August, 2011, the Nunaka Valley Little League junior girls softball team represented the West Region at the Junior League Softball World Series in Kirkland, Washington;

Whereas in 2011, Nunaka Valley Little League junior girls softball team manager Richard Knowles led the team to the Junior League Softball World Series for the second time in 3 years;

Whereas in 2011, the Nunaka Valley Little League junior girls softball team won 4

games and lost just 2 games en route to a third place finish in the Junior League Softball World Series;

Whereas more than 2,000 teams and 30,000 players compete in Junior League Girls Softball each year;

Whereas the Nunaka Valley Little League junior girls softball team finished the 2011 season ranked third in the world;

Whereas the hard work and dedication of the entire Nunaka Valley Little League junior girls softball team and the support of their families led the team to success in 2011;

Whereas Little League softball and baseball has provided a positive athletic experience and fostered teamwork and sportsmanship to millions of children in the United States and around the world; and

Whereas Alaskans everywhere are proud of the Nunaka Valley Little League junior girls athletes, Jacynne Augufa, Leilani Blair, Heather Breslin, Metanoya Fiame, Morgan Hill, Julia Merritt, Gabrielle Meyerson, Taria Page, Hannah Peterson, Sydney Smith, Lauren Syrup, and Nanea Tali, on the 2011 softball season: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the athletes, parents, and coaching staff of the Nunaka Valley Little League junior girls softball team on an impressive 2011 season; and

(2) respectfully requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) the Nunaka Valley Little League President, Greg Davis; and

(B) the Nunaka Valley Little League junior girls softball team manager, Richard Knowles, and coaches Rick Peterson and Richard Hill.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 627. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2832, to extend the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 628. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2832, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 629. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2832, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 630. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2832, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 631. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2832, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 632. Ms. SNOWE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2832, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 633. Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Mr. BAUCUS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2832, supra.

SA 634. Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. COBURN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2832, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 635. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1094, to reauthorize the Combating Autism Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-416); which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 636. Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2832, to extend the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other